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Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

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Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Boardwalk Demolition Adjacent to the Perry Hotel (2301-2377 Collins Avenue)

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide an update on demolition of the boardwalk between 23 Street and 24 Street, adjacent to the Perry Hotel (2301-2377 Collins Avenue).

BACKGROUND

The wooden boardwalk was built in the mid-1980's and extended from the south end of Collins Park at 21 Street to the north end of Indian Beach Park at 47 Street. The boardwalk is an elevated wooden structure that lies on state lands but is owned and maintained by the City. The boardwalk is 12 feet wide and is dedicated solely to pedestrian use and for safety does not allow for use by bicyclists.

The City is developing a series of interconnected bicycle/pedestrian/greenway projects called the Atlantic Greenway Network (AGN). The AGN will consist of two main trail systems: the beachwalk, which extends in a northbound/southbound direction between the erosion control line and the dune system, and the neighborhood trails, which extends in all directions through the south, middle, and north beach neighborhoods. The existing boardwalk is not part of the AGN because its current width does not allow for safe bicycle and pedestrian shared use. However, the beachwalk projects consist of on-grade, ADA accessible pathways that support bicycle use and other recreational and transportation activities that are in line with the goals of the AGN.

On May 20, 2013, a special City Commission Meeting was held to discuss the boardwalk. The Mayor and Commission approved taking down the boardwalk behind the Perry from 23 Street to 24 Street and keeping the boardwalk from 24 Street to 29 Street.

CONCLUSION

The developer's contractor is anticipated to begin demolition of the boardwalk on Monday. February 24, 2014. Construction is estimated to be complete by June 2014.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

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